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Dear Harold,

Firstly, let me wish you a fulfilling, happy, prosperous and healthy New Year!

Thanks for your extremely long and informative letter. Its great that you devote your time both to the sublime and the (answering of) ridiculous (letters)! Good on you!

Ive managed to skim through PM which, of course, is a stupendous work. It (and the other books) will enshrine your name in the annals of hard working but penurious authors for all time. I particularly was fascinated by the Perry interview and the continuing story of the N.A.A. and spectrographic analyses (which I see Mark Lane's outfit is now hot on the trail of — albeit belatedly).

Can't you get help editing Agent Oswald? I feel your writing style has developed enormously over the years (from good to better!) — but it is tempting to let sleeping dogs lie, especially when the material is already typed for photography. Editing by someone removed from the subject enhances the saleability of the book by making it interesting to others than the cognoscenti. We tend, I think, to write more for each other and the "converted" — rather than aiming for the "great unwashed", as did the Dan Rather CBS specials, etc. What do you think.

I am totally in accord with your comments on how to handle Alba. In my statement I have merely reported the gist of what he told me. Without knowledge like yours, I can only guess at the veracity of what he told me. I got the impression, by the way, that Alba was not questioned by Garrison (at least, not in depth) and I think that Alba is correct in saying he has stringently avoided being roped-into such things, and shunned publicity. One thing that greatly disturbed me during my interview was his statement that he helped affix rivets to the sling of Oswald's gun. I have long held the opinion that Oswald himself never ordered or possessed the weapon — but maybe my thinking is totally incorrect... Alba's mention of Oswald's possible NASA jobs, too, has profound implications — especially if Garrison is correct in his allegation that at least three employees of the Reilly Coffee Co. got jobs at NASA plants shortly after Oswald left his job there...

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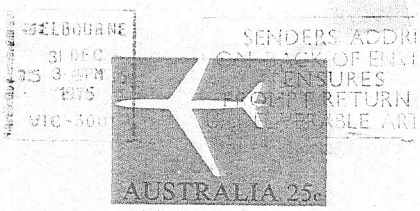

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It would certainly be worth your while reading ALBA's W.C. Testimony. As you have so often pointed out, the questioning was perfunctory, the answers unilluminating — thanks to the canny lawyers. However, enough remains — I believe, — to partially corroborate his story...

Aynesworth and his ilk would make ideal "Ministers of Truth" under Orwellian Governments. Once again, I do not necessarily accept his statements — but rather was concerned to preserve them for the day of ~~reckoning~~ reckoning that surely can't be too far away. The media has played such a large part in the cover-up that it is not paranoid to assume that it has been wilfully malicious and misleading. What about Time's" article on JFK's mistresses, the overkill on Garrison, the outright lies of CBS — and the way the Dallas papers in November played up the forthcoming book by Michael Eddowes (an eccentric English lawyer, whom I met in Dallas), who suggests there were ~~2~~ two Oswald's — one of whom was a Russian agent!

I'd appreciate your comments on my statements. I will add to alba's statements in a future letter. Meanwhile I'm very glad your health is improving.

Fond regards Jan MacFarlane